

Proposal for Change in Levels of Nebraska Dental Assisting (June, 2013)

Functions Not Permitted: Exam, Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, Surgical Procedures (including removal of tooth structure), Prescribing Drugs, Local Anesthesia with Syringe, Scaling and Root planing (removing hard deposits on teeth). **Red**= new duty, rule, or requirement. **Green**= suggested edits after 6-19-13 Task Force and NDA Cmt mtg

Level of Dental Assisting	Requirements/Recommendations	Indirect Supervision (Dentist onsite, authorizes procedure)	General Supervision (Dentist not on-site, but has authorized procedure)
Dental Assistant	19 y/o Infection control training (per federal OSHA requirement) CPR (highly recommended) May be OJT or grad of CODA dental asst prg	Current duties as outlined in state rules/regs Monitor nitrous oxide (per newly proposed anesthesia guidelines, must have CPR) Place topical local anesthesia	Current duties per state rules/regs Take dental xrays (course & certificate required) Coronal polishing (course, certificate, and 1500 hrs experience required)
Licensed Dental Assistant (LDA)	19 y/o CPR Grad of CODA dental asst prg or OJT (must have 3500 hrs chairside experience) Current DANB certification or board approved examination covering listed duties Pass NE jurisprudence exam Become licensed with HHS and complete CE per UCA	Current duties per state rules/regs Place pit and fissure dental sealants (consider moving to Tier 1, if so, add course) Fit and cement crowns on primary teeth Administer nitrous oxide (would conflict with newly proposed anesthesia guidelines) Take final impressions/records (including digital) for dental prostheses (crowns, bridges, etc.)	Current duties per state rules/regs
Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)	19 y/o CPR Have 1500 hours as LDA Complete Board approved course such as DANB EFDA one Complete DANB EFDA exam or board approved exam (such as CRDTS or another state equivalent) Obtain EFDA license from HHS and complete CE per UCA	Current duties per state rules/regs All duties of LDA Place and finish dental restorations (fillings, crowns, etc.)	Current duties as per state rules/regs

Abbreviations: OJT = on the job trained
CPR= cardiopulmonary resuscitation

DANB= Dental Assisting National Board
Board = NE Board of Dentistry

CE=Continuing Education UCA = Uniform Credentialing Act
CODA=Commission on Dental Accreditation